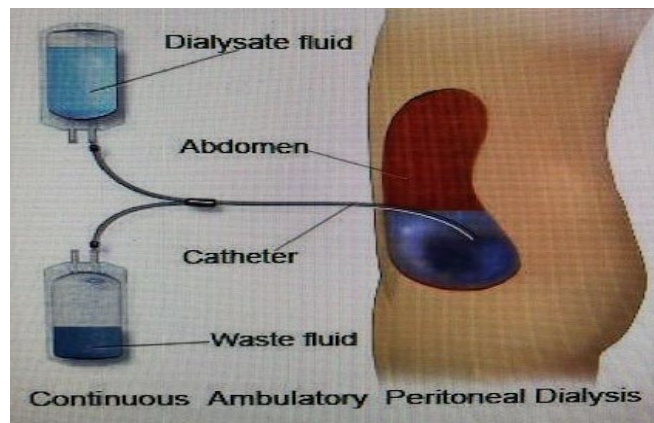


PERITONEAL DIALYSIS CATHETER PATIENT EDUCATION

PD is a dialysis option not involving blood exchange. A sterile fluid (dialysate) is infused into your abdomen to cleanse your blood. The dialysate absorbs waste products and water from your blood vessels along the abdominal membrane (peritoneum). The waste-filled fluid is then drained out. A Peritoneal dialysis (PD) catheter is a specialized tube that is inserted in your abdomen. The cuff of the catheter merges with body tissue to hold the catheter in place. A portion of catheter tube will be external. An automated machine performs the dialysis treatment while you sleep at home.



GUIDELINES:

- Speak with your nephrologist to see if you are a candidate for a PD catheter placement.
- PD catheter placement is considered a simple procedure for most eligible patients.
- Some nephrologists recommend to have a fistula access as a working backup in case the PD Catheter fails.
- Know the different options available for receiving dialysis.
- You will need sufficient storage area for your dialysis supplies.
- Always be aware of signs of infection and report to your physician immediately.

